

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

With regard to the mosquito control work, the number of mosquito breeding places eliminated dropped substantially from 55 225 in 2010 (Actual) to only 47 039 in 2011 (Actual), and the number for 2012 (Estimate) will be 47 000. Please advise this Committee on:

- (a) the Department's expenditure and manpower involved in the anti-mosquito work in 2012-13; and
- (b) the new mosquito control plans by the Department.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated expenditure involved in mosquito control work in 2012-13 is \$206.1 million. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors have a total workforce of about 2 260 in providing pest control services.
- (b) The Department will continue to adopt an integrated approach in the prevention and control of mosquitoes. Under this approach, the Department implements a dengue vector surveillance programme to monitor the distribution of *Aedes albopictus* at selected areas, evaluate the effectiveness of mosquito prevention and control work carried out by various parties, and provide surveillance information to the public and for making timely adjustments to its mosquito control strategies and measures. Moreover, the Department organises annual anti-mosquito campaigns on a territory-wide basis to heighten public awareness of the potential risk of mosquito-borne diseases, encourage community participation and promote concerted efforts of government departments concerned in anti-mosquito work.

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